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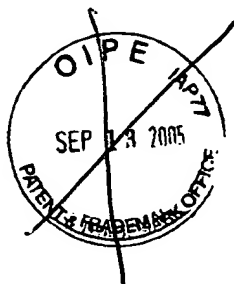
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In re application of

Andreas SEWING et al.

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Amendment and Response

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In response to the Office Action of May 12, 2005, entry of the following is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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